

## "Faithful Sayings" Series

### Christ Came To Save Sinners (1 Timothy 1:12-16)

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Faithful Sayings Christ came, to save sinners 1 Tim 1:15-16

We are a people of saying catchy phrases and traditional truths. There are some in sports "It ain't over till it's over" - or in our goodbyes, "We'll see you tomorrow here milling and the creek don't rise." Well in the early Christian church there were some catch phrases some truth claims wrapped up in what The Apostle Paul calls "Faithful Sayings" I want to look at these faithful sayings over the next few weeks. This first one tonight is probably the most important. A truth claim which is herolded in church throughout the world over vs 15

I. The Arrival of The Sovereign - The miracle of miracles is that God became flesh and dwelt among men. "Christ came"

A. A Declared Arrival - The arrival of the Lord Jesus was not only proclaimed moment before he was conceived, but hundreds of years before his arrival. <sup>1</sup>Is 7:14, Is 9:6. It was declared from the very dawn of human existence that a deliverer <sup>2</sup>would be born of the seed of the woman <sup>3</sup>Gen 3:15

B. A Divine Arrival - His arrival was not attended by great pomp and majestic celebration befitting such a King as he.

No chariot to - O... ..

lambshank stable, yet the mark of the divine is seen in the fact that Mary was a virgin. She had never known a man. Divine child.

C. A Determined Arrival - Note that Christ Jesus Came. Although He was sent by His heavenly father, yet it reads "he came". Of his own will, out of his own love for fallen humanity, he came. Heb 10:10. He came to me! When I could not come to where he was he came to me.

II. The Aim of The Saviour - He came yes but this sure fire faithful statement said that he came for a reason. He came to Save Sinners!

A. Salvation from Sure Judgment -

You know when you begin to talk to someone about the Lord and you ask them if they know the Lord, they'll say, Oh I've been saved. But then if you ask them what were you saved from, most of the time they don't know. If a person is "saved" then they have been saved not from the devil, but from the judgment of God himself. Because of our sin we are doomed to the fate of Judgment.

B. Salvation For Certain People -

Jesus came to save sinners. Admitted lambasters, rebels toward God. Christ did not come to save the righteous or should I say self righteous! No! Sinners. That's all



- 1) Isaiah 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 9:6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 2) Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
- 3) ...This divine child was born without the tainted seed of Adams blood running through his veins.
- 4) Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 5) ...to the fate of the Judgment of God. For Jeremiah 11:3 says "Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,"

1) o Mark 2:17 When J sus heard it, he saith unto them, They  
that are whole have no need of the physician, but they  
that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners  
to repentance.

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2) a...politically correct word, yet it is a word that is essential  
to salvation.

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at the right hand of the throne of God.

3) ...A sinner is a self described title. Are you a sinner in  
need of a Saviour?

2) ...In the face of the judgment of God (Jeremiah 17:13)  
says "Turned be the man that objects not the words of  
this covenant."

He's Saying. Jesus said it best in Mark 8:17 <sup>(1)</sup> If you are not a sinner, then Christ have for you and his coming to die for you does you absolutely no good.

### III. The Admission of the Sinner

I want to look more closely at that word sinner! That's not a very polite word to throw around not a politically correct word.

#### A. Confess Your Violation of The Law

Sin means to miss the mark. Transgressor means to step beyond the boundary. What is the mark, the target, where is the boundary? It is the Law of God.

God's rules of righteousness, his height of holiness his pinnacle of perfection. The moral law of God. The law which James 2:10 states if you try to keep and break in any way is guilty of all! Sinner is <sup>(3)</sup> self.

#### B. Call upon the Name of The Lord

But that's only half way. A lot of people know they are sinners. They know they have missed the mark and are under the curse and judgment of God and yet they go

further down the path of Sin! In order for Christ to save the sinner they must not only admit but turn to Christ in faith, trusting in his mercy! God doesn't drag sinners kicking and screaming into salvation nor He <sup>comes to</sup> <sup>draw them</sup> <sup>to himself</sup>



#### IV. The Addendum to the Statement.

It begins the faithful statement ended with "to save sinners" But the apostle Paul puts his own addendum on the statement. This fits the con-

A. The Pattern for Mercy - In vs 16 he refers to himself as a pattern of the mercy and long suffering of God. vs 13 He says... He blasphemed the messiah, Gods only Son and murdered, jailed, tortured and persecuted the very people of God. And yet in Acts 9 God saves the persecutor of Him, calls him into the gospel ministry, uses him mightily. Paul is saying here that if God can save a sinner like me he can save anyone.

B. The Proof of a Miracle - The salvation of the apostle Paul was so incredible that at first it was not believed. It was so far fetched that Barnabas practically had to force him into being recognized by the apostles. Doubtless Paul had murdered and imprisoned some of the apostles church members and now He is an ambassador of Christ? vs 14 It is only by the superabundant grace <sup>Christ</sup> love + mercy!

V. Closing - What a statement! What a truth! Did he come to save you? Are you a sinner w/out a Savior. God was merciful to Paul, he will be merciful toward you.

- 1) ...fits the context of the passage. In the previous verses Paul is giving a bit of his personal testimony.